

8th. GRADE SHORT STORY TEST

NAME _____

DATE _____

1. In "The Most Dangerous Game," what is so ironic about the general's insistence upon the "amenities of civilization"?

2. Explain Rainsford's change in his point of view toward the hunter and the hunted.

3. Explain how "the best laid plans of mice and men sometimes fail" surfaces in "A Dip in the Pool"?

4. The title has a double meaning. Discuss possibility definitions for a "dip in the pool"?

5. In "The Speckled Band" give 3 clues that lead to the true solving of the mysterious death.

6. In "The Speckled Band" give 2 clues that diverted us from the truth.

7. Give three examples of foreshadow from "The Lottery".

8. Why did readers find Shirley Jackson's story so deplorable?

9. Even though "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" is humorous on the surface, what is underlying pathos?

Match the Themes

- A. "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"
- B. "The Outcasts of Poker Flat"
- C. "The Man Without a Country"
- D. "The Lottery"
- E. "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"
- F. "The Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge"

10. Be careful what you wish for. _____

11. As a person ages, his or her outlook on life changes. _____

12. Imagination can influence the way people act. _____

13. Jealousy can cause you to hurt others. _____

14. Traditions, even harmful ones, are difficult to change. _____

15. Daydreaming can act as a safety valve in daily life. _____

16. People often seek a scapegoat when times are bad. ____
17. Self-sacrifice enables a person to accept death peacefully. ____
18. Fear can distort a person's senses and brighten the imagination. ____
19. Most people will believe a story if it is repeated enough. ____
20. Seemingly decent, ordinary people are capable of great cruelty. ____

21.) In the "Open Window", what foreshadowed to the ironic ending?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

22.) In "The Destroying Angel," how was the boy relieved of his guilt?

23.) Discuss two ways in which the "The Destroying Angel" was similar to "A Separate Peace".

- 24.) _____ is a series of words beginning with the same letter or sound.
- 25.) _____ is a poem telling a story.
- 26.) _____ is a poem telling a story with music.
- 27.) _____ is a poem with a single speaker who expresses an emotion or thought.
- 28.) _____ a detailed account of something in the past.
- 29.) _____ a preview of what will happen.
- 30.) _____ 3rd. person point of view as seen through one person.

31.) When the character narrates his or her own experience directly, it is

_____.

32. The title of a short story may reveal _____.

33. _____ is the unexpected twist; _____ is when the reader knows the unexpected but not the main character.

34. Name three basic conflicts 1.) _____ 2.) _____
3.) _____.

35. The setting includes the story's _____ and _____.